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Volunteer firefighter Stephane Stern takes a breather after battling a blaze at a house in Highlands East. Read more about it on page 6. *Photo by Alex Coop.*

Brian Nicholson walks away from Dysart

By Alex Coop

Following many years of service, Dysart et al's public works director Brian Nicholson is leaving his post, *The Highlander* has learned.

Nicholson, who was with the township for 11 years and became Dysart's public

works director in 2011, resigned Aug. 19 and finished working yesterday (Aug. 31), according to an email sent by the township's chief administrative officer, Tamara Wilbee.

"Brian is currently on vacation ... there are a number of projects that Brian was involved with during his time here,

including road and bridge construction, coordination of the streetscape project, the recent streetlight retrofit project, as well as researching solutions for long-term handling of waste and septage, to name a few," she wrote.

Nicholson told *The Highlander* at press time yesterday that it was time to move on.

"The stresses of the job have taken their toll," he said, adding he may pursue part-time opportunities down the road.

The announcement was made the same day Nicholson's final report for council was tabled.

Dealing with landfill cover and

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Highlander news

Fearrey doesn't believe tender results to blame

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compaction maintenance services, he suggested the municipality hire its own staff, advising it to "investigate the purchasing of equipment and hiring of an operator to assume the responsibilities of the landfill maintenance tender to help control costs." He cited a lack of "competitive bidding and the potential of operational changes in the future."

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey said he didn't believe the tender results were why Nicholson left.

"It's a high pressure job," he said of the public works director position. "He gets constant pressure and I respect the work he

did."

Wilbee said the tender's results were scheduled for discussion at a recent council meeting, but the item was deferred.

Fearrey said Nicholson's expertise is going to be missed, and that his departure from the township was to be expected.

"I announced when I was running for re-election that we were reaching a point where a number of people were going to retire and that we would have to be ready," he said, referring to former Dysart fire Chief Miles Maughan and former parks and

There is no animosity from this end ... life goes on.

Murray Fearrey

Reeve, Dysart et al

recreation director Ray Miscio, both of whom left their positions earlier this year.

"There is no animosity from this end ... life goes on," Fearrey said.

The tender report also listed the successful bidders for landfill maintenance across the township, for which a request for tender was issued Aug. 3.

No landfill received more than one bid that could be considered, Nicholson's report said, and in consultation with Wilbee, Nicholson determined that the bids received from one tender, contained an "irregularity

where the bidder changed the unit from per hour to per time."

As a result, its bid was denied for the Haliburton, Kennis and West Guilford landfills, but was accepted for the West Bay Landfill where no other bids were received.

Costs for materials and float charges have increased since last year, Nicholson's report said, which is why the township is going to pay its successful bidders a combined \$53,866 more than it did last year for the work.

While searching for Nicholson's replacement, which will likely come from the township's existing staff, everyday operations continue to be performed, Fearrey said.

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Time to become FireSmart

I flew back to Canada on May 15 – about the time Northern Alberta was battling a blaze so bad it was dubbed ‘the Beast.’

The fire hit Fort McMurray May 3 and was only really contained in the middle of June.

It destroyed some 2,400 buildings and the town had to be completely evacuated.

I started working at *The Highlander* in mid-June. At the time, I remember thinking ‘could that happen in the Highlands?’ I wondered about the town of Haliburton in particular as it is closely surrounded by trees. Of course, so is Minden, and every town in the county.

But the worst of the Fort McMurray fire was over and we had a story about local firefighters who had gone to battle the blaze. I kind of forgot about my question for a while.

However, when the county declared a recent total fire ban, I began to ponder again. At the time, there was a large forest fire burning in Algonquin Park and fire Chief Bill Wingrove shared how he was worried that his Highlands East team would have to battle a border blaze.

I had also been to a Township of Minden Hills council meeting where there was a bit of talk about the province’s draft Wildland Fire Risk Assessment and Mitigation

Guidebook. I made an inquiry of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry – could Fort McMurray happen here - and got a generic reply. I asked for more information and a guy named Shane McCool in Sudbury helped out. I also did some research on trees.

I found out that trees and vegetation in the Haliburton area are somewhat different than in the Fort McMurray area. We have mixed and hardwood. We have fewer coniferous trees than up north. Since coniferous trees pose the highest risk of fire spread and fire intensity, things would seem a bit more hopeful here.

I learned that when it comes to volatile fuel trees, black spruce is the worst. White spruce is also bad as are aspen trees. It seems other species of spruce and pines also like to burn.

Of course, we still get forest fires and they vary in intensity. There is always a risk of property damage to buildings near forests. That risk is greater during dry weather.

In other words, we aren’t completely out of the woods.

Wingrove basically confirmed this in a chat this week. He said that our trees and vegetation in normal weather make the county less susceptible to fires such as the one in Fort McMurray. But these are not normal weather conditions we’re

experiencing. With climate change, normal is turning to dry forests full of fuel.

This led to me to ask what the county can do to better protect itself.

It would seem that the province’s draft paper really isn’t the answer. I mean, is it really feasible for property owners in the county to control vegetation within 30 metres of their property? And who is going to inspect that? The time and money would be astronomical.

I then learned about FireSmart communities and it would seem this is the way for the county to go. Bancroft is now a FireSmart community. It really just involves all of the county’s partners coming together to better plan for what can happen in communities that are perched on the edge of forests. They already do it with disaster drills.

Our four fire chiefs are meeting about the concept later this month.

We encourage the townships of Dysart et al, Minden Hills, Algonquin Highlands, and Highlands East to climb on board and become FireSmart communities. That is a good move going forward.



By Lisa Gervais

Why bother?

For the 350 people attending Green Party Leader Elizabeth May’s presentation last Thursday in Minden, there wasn’t much new in her speech.

We have all heard the warnings about climate crisis before ... different numbers and timelines perhaps ... but there was little in her presentation that should have surprised anyone. What was invigorating and motivating was the passion she brought to the topic. May has always been an ardent advocate, addressing the impact climate change is having on our planet. And the signs are everywhere ... the world has just experienced the warmest July ever; floods roar through Louisiana, Indiana, regions in Europe, Africa and the far east; in California, years of drought have resulted in uncontrolled wildfires and the protracted lack of rain in southern Ontario among many others.

Of course it is difficult to directly link any of these individual events to changes in the world’s climate. May noted that when national news services report on these events as singular calamities, they rarely tie them back to the bigger picture, leaving the public to assume it is just another isolated incident. However, the number and severity of these weather-related events is increasing each year, leaving no doubt in her mind that the world climate is going through a major upheaval resulting in catastrophic climatic events. She says the observations are backed by science.

The biggest threat to mounting a response to climate change is despair and cynicism. She suggested the easy route is to dismiss

climate change as unproven, or worse, a hoax and do nothing, allowing the status quo to continue. Following that route is unsustainable. People overwhelmed by the scope of the problem, throw up their hands in dismay, because the solution seems beyond their ability to respond.

However, there are some positive indicators among the mounting bad news, she reported. After the depletion of the ozone layer was linked to the manufacture and release of CFCs into the atmosphere, politicians came together to control and ban the use of the chemical in most instances. As a result, according to May, the depletion of the ozone layer in our atmosphere has been reversed.

She cited positive action being taken in Canada and in other parts of the world. Federal and provincial governments are talking about coordinating ways to reduce greenhouse gas emission. BC has introduced a carbon tax, Ontario has eliminated coal fired power plants and made a major investment in the generation of electricity through solar, wind and hydro, relatively benign sources.

Somewhat surprisingly, she lauded the prime minister for his commitment to a greener Canada, especially following the Harper decade. She noted that Trudeau can do more and urged those in attendance to write to the prime minister and MPs and provincial ministers encouraging them to find alternatives to fossil fuels. May noted that international agreements, signed with the best of intentions, have no enforcement mechanism. She said the only way to ensure politicians move forward on their promises

is peer pressure and public shaming. Letters to the editor, to leaders and politicians will help keep the pressure on. “Hope is a verb with its sleeves rolled up,” she said, quoting Fred Krupp, president of the Environmental Defense Fund.

May also noted there are jobs to be created in the switch to green forms of energy. Retrofitting “leaky” building will be a boon to all construction trades. Solar installations require workers and the cost of panels is decreasing all the time. According to May, the investment dollars are moving from fossil fuels to renewables, with greater interest in green technology in the past two years than in fossil fuels. A solar installation is now cheaper to build than a traditional fossil fuel-fired electrical generation plant she told the audience.

But perhaps the most telling remark was not in all the statistics or the prophecies of doom, or the mountain of evidence showing the world must act soon. Most of that is a given. The question we all have to address is: why bother? May said, there is no better reason to be pushing for the reversal of what greenhouse gases have done to the world’s climate than to protect the future for our children and grandchildren. They are the ones who will benefit from action taken today.

I couldn’t agree more.



By Jack Brezina

Clarification

In a story titled ‘Ticket prize a ‘job dropper’ for cottage artist’ in the Aug. 18 *Highlander*, we neglected to say that local artist, Andrea Hillo donated the ticket to winner Karen Stoskopf Harding, who was able to attend a three-day Robert Bateman workshop at the Haliburton School of Art & Design. We apologize for the omission.

Editorial opinion

Skate park should not be delayed

Dear editor,

I take exception to Lisa Gervais’ comments in her column about the skateboard park. While the council in 2010 perhaps made a mistake by locating the park where they did, they recognized a need and tried to fill it. Since that time, hundreds of children have spent thousands of hours enjoying the park. It has most certainly not been a waste of money.

I have spent many hours there with my grandson, watching all of the kids have fun. I have also swept the rainwater off so the pad will dry and be safe to use. I have seen anxious kids try to use it when wet and they skid dangerously and fall. So, poor drainage is a problem.

The other issue is the size of the park. When the number of users exceed 10 at any time, the park is too crowded. For the most part, kids are respectful of each other and take turns at various runs, but they have to be extremely careful not to collide.

I do not agree that this park should be delayed or set aside. The children deserve a better, safer park now. To wait until there is a master recreational plan with consultants ... time will push it too far out. We do not have the resources of a large population base like Lindsay so to suggest that we will have such a large recreational facility is doubtful in my mind. I understand the town of Minden, similar in size to Haliburton, has a wonderful skate park. Perhaps we should look at and model something similar.

I think we have two possible locations in town. One is the suggested former ball diamond area. Another would be Head

PHOTO OF THE WEEK

A photograph showing a small, dark-colored turtle resting on a grey asphalt surface. To the left of the turtle is a silver and gold Canadian toonie coin, placed there to provide a sense of scale. The turtle is facing towards the right side of the frame.

Amazed by the size of this tiny turtle, a reader placed a toonie beside it to illustrate. Photo submitted.

Lake Park, north of the library. I think this is a better location. Children already frequent the park to swim, fish, play on the play sets and use the skate park. To my

way of thinking, keeping the skate park in this area makes the most sense.

Let’s look at our options and keep moving forward so our children have a

great, safe, skateboard park to play at.

Derrell Stamp
Haliburton

Haliburton, a space odyssey

Since getting back home to Haliburton, I’ve been letting it all hang out, so to speak. I’ve been lounging full length on the couch. I’ve been wandering around in nothing but my underwear, in the house, not out in public, you’ll be glad to hear. I’ve been parking haphazardly in car parks, taking up more than my fair share of parking spaces, and weaving down the open roads. And, I’ve been enjoying doing it.

It was this last thing, the wanton disregard for white lines drawn on tarmac that first made me realize that during my holiday to Blighty I missed the wide open spaces that Canada affords a person. On my first morning back to work, I was coming out of Tim Hortons as a colleague of mine went in. It was he who brought my attention to my truck and its location, parked as it was skewed across not one but three parking spaces.

“Can you English guys not handle a big truck like that?” he said with a smirk, pointing in its general direction. I looked and laughed, thinking how I’d swung into the car park, not even given the parking regime a second thought, slammed my door and waltzed in to get my coffee.

“I guess I don’t care when I don’t need

to,” I said, motioning at the parking spaces. “That’s what I love about living here.”

And so it has been since. I’ve been thoroughly enjoying every ounce of space afforded to me, and here’s why. From the moment we hit the tarmac of Gatwick Airport in London there was literally not enough room to swing the proverbial cat. Everyone on the plane immediately tried to get their hand baggage down from the lockers. There were elbows flying, minor shoving matches between weary travelers and a scrum as we all jostled to get off the plane. Once inside the airport similar bottlenecks of tired folks occurred with startling regularity. At customs, at the baggage carousel, in the elevators, at the hire car desk. Every next thing to do involved far too much bodily contact with slightly over-ripe fellow travellers and the constant bumping of baggage carts.

Finally, when I got into our rental car, I sighed with relief. Off we set, straight into a traffic jam. From motorway to the urban jungle of central London I pushed, prodded and poked my way along through a myriad of cars, bikes, buses, lorries and pedestrians, none of whom would spare me the merest inch of room at any cost. But that’s London

and I suppose I should have been ready for it. Wales, on the other hand, is rural and so blessed with acres of space, or so I thought. Crammed into our rental car, we drove down ever narrower country lanes, all lined with high hedges that loomed not more than inches from my wing mirrors. Then, suddenly, a giant tractor with monstrous baling forks bore down upon me and I swear only a swift reversal into a gateway saved me and my family from being flattened to a pulp and left for the badgers and feral cats to jostle over.

And then there was the cottage that my mum had booked. It looked big on the pictures and its owner assured us that it would sleep 14. And it did, so long as we were packed in like sausages in a frying pan at a Lions Club breakfast. For a week I ‘shared’ my space, both the room around me and my precious personal space (nephews and nieces don’t tend to understand that Uncle William isn’t a jungle climbing gym 24/7). Don’t get me wrong, we had a great time but the precious moments when I couldn’t see or hear one of my lovely relatives were few and far between.

And then it was back to London for a final

hurrah. That day the entire population of Blighty decided to drive on the roads that I wanted to use. Not five minutes after we left our holiday cottage we were stuck in traffic. A slow moving tractor, a wide load with police escort (through country lanes, for Pete’s sake!), even a farmer herding sheep down the road. Then, on the big roads, big roadworks and a billion other cars, all the way to London. A trip that should have taken four hours turned into eight. And my lovely wife wondered why I poured the first pint of the evening down my neck faster than Usain Bolt can make the hundred yard dash.

And so it was that on getting back to Haliburton – the open roads, the car parks with space to spare, the all-round room to manoeuvre – I decided, somewhat unconsciously, to spread out. I apologize if you see me around the village, taking up a little bit too much space, but cut me some slack because there’s plenty and this Englishman needs to let it all hang out while he rediscovers Haliburton normal. Just give me a nudge if I’m only wearing my underwear.

TheOutsider

A black and white portrait of a man with a beard and a fur hat, looking slightly to the side.

By Will Jones

Highlander opinion

Eye on the street: *What are you most looking forward to about the school year?*



Sherri-Lynn Barry
Haliburton

The Early Years Centre at the school.



Jade Newbatt and Sierra Cooper
Haliburton

We're looking forward to the Early Years Centre too!



Owen Duhaime
Haliburton

I'm looking forward to learning new stuff in marketing at Georgian College and getting my head in the business game.



Thomas Giguere
Haliburton

It's my last year at Guelph University, so I'm really looking forward to doing actual research and not just sitting through lectures.



Ziyad Qureshi
Brampton

There's going to be new games and work to do.

Photos and interviews by Alex Coop

County in brief

Boat hits rock cut on Kushog

After losing control of his powerboat, a 37-year-old man from Oakville sustained serious injuries when the boat collided with a rock on Kushog Lake in Algonquin Highlands shortly after 4:30 p.m. last Friday.

The Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) were called to the scene Aug. 26, where the driver had struck a rock cut with the powerboat.

Police say the driver was ejected from the vessel and serious injuries resulted.

The man was transported by land to hospital for treatment and later flown to a Toronto area hospital for further treatment. *(Alex Coop)*

Barbecue the cause of house fire

A barbecue is to blame for a recent fire at a house on Loop Road, says Highlands East fire Chief Bill Wingrove.

Highlands East firefighters responded to a house fire just past Harcourt on Loop Road, Saturday afternoon, shortly after 4 p.m.

Firefighters quickly contained the fire which originated from a barbecue sitting directly next to the house, up against the wall, Wingrove said.

Putting out the fire in the attic was difficult because of the design of the house, he added, but luckily, no one was hurt. *(Alex Coop)*

School bus safety reminder

Students across Haliburton County will return to school on Tuesday and the majority of them will arrive on a big yellow bus.

Although injuries and fatalities are very rare in Ontario, it's important that drivers be aware of the rules so that children arrive at their destination safely.

When a bus comes to a stop with its red lights flashing and there is no median, drivers travelling in both directions must stop. If you are coming from behind the bus, stay back at least 20 metres to ensure children can get on and off the bus safely. Do not move until the bus goes forward or turns off its flashing lights.

Traffic coming from the opposite direction isn't required to stop if there is a median.

Drivers can face hefty fines or even jail time for not obeying these rules. For example, a fine for a first-time offence can range from \$400 to \$2,000 and six demerit points, according to the Ministry of Transportation (MTO). For each following offence, fines range from \$1,000 to \$4,000, six demerit points and up to six months in jail.

Vehicle owners can be charged if their car illegally passes a stopped school bus, even if someone else is behind the wheel.

To report dangerous driving, call the OPP at 1-866-310-1122.

Safety tips for students are available on the MTO's website. *(Mark Arike)*

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Reeve Devolin hopeful for boats on Big Bob

But residents say 'nothing's done 'til it's done

By Lisa Gervais

Residents of Big Bob Lake should be able to get their boats out of the water this season following an apparent agreement between the Township of Minden Hills and a private landowner who's blocked access.

However, a long-term solution to a problem that has seen barricades erected this summer, has yet to be worked out.

Township of Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin said he telephoned one of the private property owners on Friday.

He said they had the essence of a short-term agreement, which gives boaters a window of time to get their boats off of the lake this fall.

Devolin said details still have to be worked out by the municipality and private landowner in consultation with lawyers and insurance companies.

He said the matter would come back to the township's next committee of the whole meeting.

"But, I am very hopeful and ecstatic that there will be a window so people can get their boats out this year."

A spokesman for the boaters – who made

an impassioned plea on their behalf at last Thursday's (Aug. 25) council meeting remains cautious, though.

In a telephone interview Monday night, David Gibb said there "could be" a breakthrough but "nothing's done 'til it's done. We're awaiting developments."

Devolin and staff met with residents on Saturday after they packed council chambers last week seeking immediate action from the municipality.

With Labour Day looming, they were concerned that their boats – worth an estimated \$2.2 million – would be stuck on the lake.

On their behalf, Gibb was seeking assurance they could haul their boats out, that the township seek an immediate injunction for removal of barriers, they receive a briefing on progress towards a new public boat ramp and that the township seek a prescriptive easement.

During the council meeting and again during a phone interview with *The Highlander* on Monday, Devolin said the municipality sees two options moving forward.

The first would involve finding an alternate location for the boat launch. However, he said it will take time since council staff have to look at property surveys. He emphasized that nothing will be in place this year. He noted that the town does have multiple road allowances and it will have to look into practicalities

and whether it is financially doable.

However, he said he is a "great defender of public launches."

At the meeting, Coun. Pam Sayne said residents of her lake chip in money to maintain their public boat launch and the township might be able to provide financial assistance to Big Bob Lake residents.

The second option, Devolin said, is a one to two year litigious process but he did not think anyone "had an appetite for that."

At the meeting, Gibb titled his powerpoint "In crisis and not of our making" due to the fact they have had 50 years of unfettered, open access to launch and remove boats at the only public access point on the lake but it was barricaded earlier this summer after most boats had been launched.

He said it is documented on maps, listed on the Minden Hills website and assigned a 911 number, 1038 Bob Lake Rd. He said it had been maintained by the Township of Minden Hills for more than 30 years.

Putting a little pressure on council, Gibb pointed out he represented some 250 properties and 450 voters, with combined

real estate holdings of \$87 million, and that they pay about \$625,000 in annual taxes. He said 50 per cent of them are dependent on the launch.

"Our priorities are hauling out boats commencing Labour Day, restoring boat launch access to historical use and regaining marketability and restoring market values," he said.

As reported in *The Highlander* on June 30, the owners have

erected barricades as they no longer want to have the liability associated with owning the launch.

"I get phone calls from people who've almost run into the dam," said the owner, who wished to remain anonymous. "It's too much of a liability."

Devolin told Gibb and residents last Thursday "it's complicated." For starters, he said he and council staff have had to deal with a "diverse bunch" of residents since they lack a lake association. Further, the trail of ownership of the launch and adjacent dam has very little paperwork.

"At this time there is no magic wand with respect to this ... I am as unhappy with this situation as you are."

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Brent Devolin
Reeve, Minden Hills

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**September 29
9:00 am, Regular meeting of Council, Minden Council Chambers**

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TAKE NOTICE that the Township of Minden Hills is selling land by Public Tender. Deadline for submissions is September 23, 2016 on or before 3:00 pm. Please visit <http://mindenhills.ca/tenders/> for more information or contact the Tax Collector at 705-286-1260 ext. 201.
See page 10 for ad.

Call for Committee Members

Cultural Centre Advisory Committee
The Township of Minden Hills is looking for volunteers to participate as members on the Cultural Centre Advisory Committee for the remaining term of Council. If you, or someone you know, are interested in participating, please submit a completed application form in person, by mail or email to:

Advisory Committee Application – Cultural Centre
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7 Milne Street, PO Box 359 Minden, ON K0M 2K0
sprentice@mindenhills.ca

Application deadline is Tuesday September 6, 2016 by 12 pm.

Application Forms can be obtained by visiting our website at www.mindenhills.ca or by emailing sprentice@mindenhills.ca.

Public Input Requested for:

1. Renewal Options for the S.G Nesbitt Memorial Arena
2. Draft Master Parks and Trails Plan

Submission Deadline is October 11th. Comments or inquiries for either of these projects or surveys, contact Mark Coleman, Director of Community Services, at mcoleman@mindenhills.ca, or 705-286-1936 ext. 201.

3. Age-Friendly Master Plan

Submission Deadline is September 16th. For more information about this project or survey, contact Angela Andrews at 705-457-1391 or Kate Hall at kvhall06@gmail.com.

These surveys can be accessed by visiting www.mindenhills.ca.

Use of Fireworks

A public reminder that the use of Consumer Fireworks within the geographical Township of Minden Hills does not require a permit and are only permitted on: Victoria Day, Canada Day, Labour Day and New Year's Eve. Please visit our website at www.mindenhills.ca for more information. For questions or concerns, please contact the CBO/MLEO/Planning Supervisor at cmknight@mindenhills.ca.

Use of Chinese Lanterns

The Minden Hills Fire Department Service would like to caution the public about the dangers of the use of Chinese lanterns. Chinese lanterns, also known as wish or flying lanterns, have become increasingly popular worldwide as a means of celebrating special occasions – however, they carry a significant risk of fire or injury.

The lanterns are generally made from paper, supported by a wire frame that incorporates a holder at its base for a solid fuel heat source.

In the event that the lantern is caught in a tree, or lands on a roof, the outcome could be tragic.

A Chinese lantern, in its essence, is a naked flame floating into the sky with no control over the direction it will take or where it will land. Additionally, there is no guarantee that the internal fuel source will be fully extinguished and cooled, once the lantern descends.

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Fort McMurray not likely to happen here

By Lisa Gervais

A fire dubbed ‘the Beast’ due to its intensity in Fort McMurray would be unlikely in Haliburton County, sources say.

The Highlander asked this question during the recent total fire ban in the county.

In fact, county fire Chief Bill Wingrove, said a resident criticized the municipality’s fire chiefs for declaring the ban too late in his opinion, telling Wingrove ‘look what happened to Fort McMurray’.

However, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF), Wingrove and Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin all say we will likely never have to slay a beast here.

MNRF fire information officer, Shayne McCool is with the Northeast Fire Region, aviation forest fire and emergency services.

He said one thing in the county’s favour is that we have more mixed and hard wood forests as opposed to coniferous trees.

“There are fewer coniferous trees in the Haliburton area compared to what we see further north. Since coniferous trees pose the highest fire risk of fire spread and fire intensity, the situation varies somewhat from what was seen in Fort McMurray,” McCool said.

However, he added that the MNRF still sees several forest fires in the area with varied intensity, which means there is always a risk of damage to property that is near the forest. He said that conditions in the forest will also depend heavily on local weather patterns and drought conditions.

The total fire ban was declared Aug. 10 and lifted Aug. 17. Wingrove said he and other local fire chiefs tend to follow Muskoka in declaring a ban. Muskoka acted and they followed. The risk was extreme at the time and there was a large fire burning in Algonquin Park.

Like McCool, Wingrove does not think we would ever get a fire the likes of Fort McMurray since there are plenty of resources to fight fledgling fires, including the recently opened fire management headquarters at Stanhope Airport in the Algonquin Highlands.

Statistics at last week’s official grand opening confirmed this. Since 2003/04, the MNRF has been able to control or ‘hold’ 94 per cent of forest fires less than four hectares in size by noon the following day. Last year, it was 97.7 per cent of all forest fires.

Wingrove added that we have built-in natural barriers in the form of lakes.

Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin makes the same point, saying there are 600 lakes in the county that will stop a fire in its tracks and there are also reservoirs for water bombers.

However, Wingrove said that doesn’t mean we won’t have some bad wildfires. He said that during the total fire ban someone tossed a cigarette butt causing a good-sized brush fire. We may have more hard wood, he agrees, and in normal weather conditions the MNRF analysis is spot on. But, Wingrove said forests are dry and full of dead trees and vegetation due to hotter, dryer summers. “Hundreds of years



ago, nature looked after itself by having forest fires but it hasn’t happened here for a very long time.”

He recalled a major fire at Bark Lake back in the late 1950s and early 1960s, and Devolin remembered hearing about one at Kennisis Lake 30 or 40 years ago.

Wingrove can’t recall any controlled burns and says the county has no control over what happens on Crown land.

So, what can be done moving forward?

Human error is always a factor. People have to be smart with personal fires and cigarette butts. Wingrove said someone ignored a camp fire last year, resulting in a large brushfire that burned 12 acres and injured three firefighters. That person has been fined \$22,000.

Minden Hills and other townships recently looked at a policy paper from the MNRF entitled “Wildland Fire Risk Assessment and Mitigation: A Guidebook in support of the Provincial Policy Statement, 2014 – Draft.”

It is a 78-page document.

The MNRF’s Katie Novacek said the proposed guidelines were developed from scientific research and are designed to change the way flames or embers approach buildings and reduce the chance of catching them on fire.

She said applying the guidelines reduce the chance of direct contact with flames, the impact of radiant heat from a wildfire and reduce areas where embers can land and ignite new fires.

“Wildfire events vary in intensity, and in severe conditions such measures will never eliminate the risk of losses from wildfire completely. However, applying these guidelines improves the likelihood that a structure will survive a wildland fire event,” she said.

Wildland fire mitigation strategies



Top: Bob Hurley, acting fire management supervisor, addresses the crowd at last week’s official opening of the MNRF fire management headquarters. Above: Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin, left, inspects a map of the area covered by MNRF crews while employee Darnell Gilbert leads a tour. *Photos by Mark Arike.*

include fire resistant building design and community design improvements that can be implemented independently or in combination to reduce an area’s level of fire risk.

Novacek said strategies can include placing roads or open park land between structures and forest.

Devolin has a printed copy sitting on his desk. However, he worries that some of the strategies will be onerous on landowners and the municipality. For example, people might have to do “vegetation management” as far as 30 metres from their homes.

A more likely scenario may see our townships becoming FireSmart communities.

Wingrove said he is meeting with his three counterparts from Algonquin Highlands, Dysart et al and Minden Hills to discuss

this in September.

Bancroft is a FireSmart community.

FireSmart is essentially about bringing community partners together to mitigate wildfire threats to property.

According to the FireSmart Canada website, “through partnerships, you can achieve your goals in an effective and timely manner. For example, your neighbour, community association, local industries, local municipal government, municipal fire department, local advisory committees and local wildfire management agency personnel can all be involved.”

It goes on to say “these partnerships play an important role in understanding how to manage wildfire in the Wildland Urban Interface.”

See editorial on page 4.

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SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER

Municipal Act, 2001, as amended

TAKE NOTICE that tenders are invited for the purchase of the land(s) described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on the 23rd day of September, 2016, at the Township Offices, 7 Milne Street, P.O. Box 359, Minden, Ontario, K0M 2K0.

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day at 3:30 p.m. at the Township Offices.

Description of Lands and Minimum Tender Amount:

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A bulldozer sits beside Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. Photo by Mark Arike.

School board invests in improvement projects

By Mark Arike

More than \$280,000 is being spent on repairs or upgrades to five schools in Haliburton County before the first day of class next Tuesday.

Three quarters of that has been allocated to Haliburton Highlands Secondary School for items such as a new HVAC system for the theatre at \$50,000, and site work including exterior stair replacement and drainage improvements at \$85,000.

The Trillium Lakelands District School Board allocated \$8.5 million for renewal projects at 54 schools earlier this year. The majority of the money came from the Ministry of Education, including a \$2.9

million school renewal grant. More than \$1.1 million was from a reserve.

All schools were visited by facility services staff in October and November of last year. Afterwards, a draft list of projects was prepared and reviewed by staff and senior administration, according to Bob Kaye, superintendent of business.

The TLDSB has about 200,000 square metres of facilities to maintain under its school renewal grant.

Other significant improvements include a new roof at Wilberforce Elementary School for \$13,000, brick repair at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School for \$20,000, and fencing at the Alternate Education and Training Centre for \$5,000.



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OPP Const. Joel Imbeau and Kawartha/Haliburton Victim Services executive director Laura Proctor at the Minden OPP station on Monday. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Victim services in desperate need of volunteers

By Lisa Gervais

Last week alone, eight people in Haliburton County needed the support of Kawartha / Haliburton Victim Services as a result of domestic violence.

The math is easy. That is eight victims in seven days, or a little more than one a day.

The team that provides victim services to these people is now down to a critically low 22 volunteers. By contrast, Orillia has 80-90 people to draw on.

"We're looking for volunteers in Haliburton County and the City of Kawartha Lakes," says executive director, Laura Proctor, while seated with client service coordinator, Whitney Rickard, in a meeting room at the Minden Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) earlier this week.

It isn't an easy gig. Volunteers deal with people affected by crime, trauma and tragic circumstances.

Proctor says that due to the nature of the work, retired professionals are often a good fit; teachers, police officers, firefighters, EMS and nurses, for example.

She said a lot of their volunteers have been victims in the past.

Young people looking to get into EMS-related fields and who are seeking work experience make good volunteers as well, Proctor said.

But you don't have to be a retired professional or student. Proctor said they are looking for "committed" volunteers who can empathize with clients and help out.

"Victims are extremely vulnerable and the work we do involves getting down to someone's level at the most critical, intense time of their lives. You can't be afraid to walk with that person."

Rickard shares some comments they have received from clients.

"I was very appreciative in regards to how the ladies talked (or allowed me to talk) it out. I was able to share my anxieties and not feel judged. They help to remind me to keep my focus on what I can do for myself and not dwell on my partner and his inability to ask for help," one excerpt reads.

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Laura Proctor

executive director,
Kawartha/Haliburton
Victim Services

Another abuse victim writes about facing Family Court. A worker provided information so she knew what was coming. "You have no idea how alone and scared I felt. Thank you for all you do. You will never know how much you have helped me."

Proctor flips through some paperwork and says that overall last year the service saw 722 new clients, including 372 as a result of domestic violence. They only have two front-line staff, so if there are not enough volunteers, it puts pressure on people such as Rickard.

As volunteers must be available around the clock, having only 22 has meant "we can't cover 24/7 so we're having a lot of blank spots" on the schedule, according to Rickard.

She said they are looking for volunteers who can commit to a minimum of one year. They will have to sign on for four, 12-hr shifts a month, covering at least one weekend. They will always go with a partner, never alone.

They are looking for applicants now as they are starting their next round of training on Oct. 3.

People age 19 and over who are interested can fill out a volunteer application online (www.victim-services.org). For more information, contact client services co-ordinator, Whitney Rickard, at 800-574-4401., 705-878-5505, fax 705-878-9739 or e-mail whitney-khvs@victim-services.org.

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Kevin Mo makes a presentation about illegal organ harvesting at the Haliburton County Public Library Dysart Branch on Tuesday. Photo by Alex Coop.

Falun Gong practitioners ask for justice

By Alex Coop

A decade-long explosion of shady organ transplants and the mass-killings of Falun Gong practitioners in China was the focus of a Toronto-based group's presentation to the public Tuesday afternoon in Haliburton.

Members of the ancient spiritual discipline, known as Falun Gong, stood in front of the Haliburton library with a sign that read "Stop organ harvesting from Falun Gong: Arrest Butcher Jiang Zemin."

The group's spokesperson, Kevin Mo, talked on a microphone about the history

behind the state-led mass killing of Falun Gong practitioners in China, which began in 1999 when the former Chinese dictator ordered an attack on anyone who practiced Falun Gong.

He pointed out how more than 1.5 million people may have been killed since the year 2000.

Multiple studies have concluded that incarcerated Falun Gong practitioners remain the key targets for forced organ harvesting due to their large numbers in detention, but desperate patients across the globe looking for a transplant can easily become an unknowing party to the crime.

"Today, the deadly persecution continues, however, due to the support and awareness of western government officials and individuals around the world, millions of people have signed petitions demanding an end to these crimes," he said.

The organ harvesting has been picked up by mainstream media more and more over the years, to the point where Canada's Parliamentary Subcommittee on International Human Rights adopted a motion condemning and calling for an immediate end to the state-sanctioned organ harvesting from prisoners of conscience (a person who has been

imprisoned for holding political or religious views that are not tolerated by their own government.)

Mo said their next stop was Bracebridge, and was pleased with the results their tour has made so far.

"We have people signing our petition at each stop," he said.

Three other Falun Gong groups are touring the country as well.

More than 140 countries practice Falun Gong, according to the group's press release.

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Fia Scuhr works on a puzzle at the Stanhope Library. *Photo submitted.*

Stanhope library gets early literacy station

By Alex Coop

Four-year-old Fia Scuhr is laser-focused while playing a game on a new computer at the Stanhope Library in Algonquin Highlands.

She explains that the game with the animals is her favourite. But this isn't any ordinary computer, and it's no ordinary game.

Fia is playing one of the machine's hundreds of interactive programs that span all curriculum areas including science, math, social studies, geography, reading, art, music, writing and computer skills.

The specialized computer is an AWE

Early Literacy station, and it was recently installed at the e library.

Other branches have had the learning stations installed for several years, says Mary Trepanier, president of the Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library, which is why funds from their gala event in November raised money for an AWE station in Stanhope.

"We know that access to technology and reading materials prior to school entry are keys to success," Trepanier said.

AWE Learning products offer children ages 2-8 literacy-focused and digital learning solutions through public libraries across the United States and Canada.

November's gala starred Canadian author Linden Macintyre and raised \$9,300.

Nearly \$4,000 was spent on the AWE Early Literacy Station. The rest of the money went into two additional projectors, e readers, new books and library programs, Trepanier said.

The AWE station, however, is a key part of the library's early literacy tools in Haliburton County, where 26 per cent of families with children ages 0-6 live below the poverty line, according to Statistics Canada.

"Many children enter school with little or no exposure to technology and reading materials, so it's important to level the

playing field for school readiness, cultivate a positive attitude to learning and bridge the education gap," Trepanier said.

Branch services librarian Erin Kernohan-Berning says, on average, the computers get about 150 uses per month.

Children visiting the Minden library frequently sit down at one of the AWE Early Literacy Stations, says branch supervisor Marg Graham.

"We have a lot of regulars who come in and they almost always head to the computer right away," Graham said. "They seem to love keyboards."

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From left, Dan Bajorek, program manager for Point in Time, and Bell employees Liz Boxall, Charles Slade and Chris Douglas. Photo by Mark Arike.

Backpacks going to kids in need

By Mark Arike

More than 100 students will show up to the first day of school with a new backpack full of supplies because of a local initiative.

Now in its 10th year, the Backpacks for Kids program raised about \$2,500 to purchase 115 backpacks for kids across the county.

"This year was really nice," said Bell employee Liz Boxall, who coordinates the program with fellow employee Jim Winn.

Eighty backpacks were distributed to children in need last year, said Boxall. This year's goal was 90.

"When the [Haliburton] Legion came through it was 115," she said.

Since its inception, 740 backpacks have been distributed. Rhonda Cooper, owner of Needful Things in Haliburton, supplies the school items at a discounted price, and packs and delivers the backpacks with her parents.

"They're the ones that have filled them ... every year,"

Backpacks are one of those cool things kids enjoy wearing.

Dan Bajorek
program manager,
Point In Time

said Boxall.

The backpacks—which filled three trucks—were delivered to Point In Time in Haliburton on Aug. 11. Their staff will distribute them to families before the start of the school year.

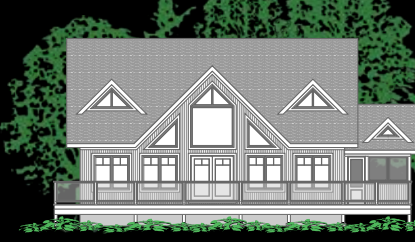
"Backpacks are one of those cool things kids enjoy wearing," said Dan Bajorek, program manager for Point In Time.

Backpacks for Kids is a Bell employee charity project that began in eastern Canada in 2003. Since then, the program has provided more than 61,000 backpacks filled with supplies to children.

Point In Time is a charitable, non-profit organization that offers several supports and services to children, youth and families in the county.

This year's supporters included the fire departments in Gooderham, Stanhope, Wilberforce, Minden Hills; the Haliburton Legion, Bell employees, Point In Time board members, Fleming College and CRS Haliburton.

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Highlander arts



Michael Fortune at work. Photo submitted by Fleming College.

HSAD instructors receive Craft Ontario awards

By Mark Arike

Two instructors at the Haliburton School of Art + Design (HSAD) are receiving Craft Ontario awards for their work.

Michael Fortune, who teaches in the college's summer arts program, is the recipient of the 2016 John and Barbara Mather Award for Lifetime Achievement and ceramics instructor Jessica Steinhäuser has won the Volunteer Committee 40th Anniversary Award.

Sandra Dupret, campus dean and principal, nominated them for the awards.

Based out of Peterborough, Fortune designs objects in wood as well as commissioned residential furnishings and items in limited editions. His work is in the Museum of Civilization, the Royal Ontario Museum, Claridge Collection of Canadian Art and Craft, and Rideau Hall. He has also travelled the world to help developing economies, and works with governments, international aid agencies and private investors to create wood-based manufacturing opportunities.

"He is an outstanding teacher and mentor to many aspiring designers and makers across the globe," said Dupret in a press release. "Michael's courses are always in demand and well received. In the classroom, he openly shares his talent, knowledge and experiences with the

students. His enthusiasm and passion for design and the handmade is contagious."

Steinhäuser, who is based in Guelph, came to Canada in the late 1980s and established Stonehouse Pottery. It has been her full-time profession for more than three decades.

She has recently focused on creating Kachelofen, clay stoves that "burn wood extremely efficiently, allowing for a clean and long-lasting radiant heat," according to a release.

"It's been a really, really long road," said Steinhäuser, who is now 50 years old.

"It is quite an honour to be recognized with this special anniversary award for celebrating Craft Ontario for 40 years. For them to have picked me to receive this is huge."

Steinhäuser has found a lot of joy in teaching at the Haliburton campus for more than 10 years.

"Working at the college has been absolutely fantastic for me," she said.

Fortune and Steinhäuser will receive their awards at the Craft Ontario Gala event on Oct. 19.

Craft Ontario is a non-profit arts service organization that promotes fine craft and offers educational programming. Its membership includes 1,500 people, including arts professionals and the general public.

Working at the college has been absolutely fantastic for me.

Jessica Steinhäuser
ceramics instructor

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Photo of a W.J. Hopkinson painting called October, Eagle Lake, dated 1963. Photo submitted by Mark Skeffington.

New website features Hopkinson paintings of Haliburton

By Lisa Gervais

A new website has been launched to celebrate the art of Ontario artist William John Hopkinson, who loved to paint Haliburton scenes.

The website – wjhopkinson.ca – features photos of W.J. Hopkinson paintings that have never been displayed publicly, and others that haven't been seen for decades.

Hopkinson was probably Newmarket's most acclaimed artist during his lifetime, 1887-1970.

The artist was best known for his en plein air landscapes of Ontario, and especially Haliburton, painting from nature outdoors in all weather conditions. Eagle Lake, Grass Lake, Head Lake and other Haliburton locations are frequently featured in his paintings. The website was launched earlier this month by a collector of Hopkinson's paintings.

"I believe W.J. Hopkinson is an underappreciated Canadian artist who deserves to be better known today," said Mark Skeffington, of Thorold. "The website is a tribute to him. I want to ensure Hopkinson's beautiful art isn't forgotten."

Skeffington, who runs the online gallery FineArtCollector.ca, has the support of Hopkinson's grandson, Dave Forsythe, of Barrie. Forsythe has more than 50 paintings

from his grandfather that will gradually be made available to purchase through the website.

"Haliburton was my grandfather's favourite place to paint, and it's time that more people get to see and enjoy these paintings" Forsythe said. "These paintings haven't been seen for decades, and kept in storage. I'm ready to let these go."

Skeffington is inviting owners of Hopkinson paintings to display photos of their art on the website.

"I know there are a lot of owners of Hopkinson paintings out there. This is an opportunity to share their art with others, and create an online record of his hundreds of paintings."

Hopkinson moved to Newmarket from London, England, in 1912, and lived in the community until his death at age 82. He worked for years for The Davis Leather Company, illustrating the company's published history, and later ran a business painting churches and barns. The artist painted part time for several decades, having his paintings displayed in exhibits alongside those of major Canadian artists. Hopkinson turned to art full time in the late 1950s, when he was almost 70 years old.

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Rick Gibson stands beside his fully-equipped truck that allows him to service fridges, stoves, washers, dryers and dishwashers. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

Keeping a promise made 31 years ago

Appliance Service Network opens in The Highlands

By Lisa Gervais

When Rick Gibson and his fiancée, Sharyn, were planning their honeymoon, they were sitting on a dock on Halls Lake.

Rick promised Sharyn, who spent much of her childhood summers at the lake, that they would live there permanently one day.

It has taken 31 years but the promise has now been fulfilled. Rick has opened a business called The Appliance Service Network (TASN) from the couple's home at 17036 Hwy 35, Algonquin Highlands.

It is a business that he has actually been running in the Pickering area for 35 years. The idea, for now, is to continue working part time in the city and part time in the county. However, the goal is to make it a full-time business here one day.

"This was supposed to be the end game and the right lot came available," Gibson said of their home overlooking Halls Lake.

He added it is going well so far. "The phone's been ringing pretty consistently."

After spending years commuting on the Don Valley Parkway, he said he is enjoying the scenery during his commutes in the county. He adds he loves it when people pick him up at marinas in boats and take him to their cottages. He tells a story of one trip down a county road, with ruts, having to move fallen trees, parking at the top of a cliff, climbing down 100 stairs without railings and crawling under a cottage to get a key.

As the name suggests, Gibson is in the appliance service business. He repairs

refrigerators and stoves, washers and dryers and dishwashers.

He officially began working in the Highlands April 1.

He said he is "old school," preferring to work on brand name appliances that are made to last as opposed to some of the modern brands that have lifespans of less than 10 years.

"I'm a firm believer that the old stuff is better than the new stuff." He said older appliances are mechanically made, requiring parts when they break down. New appliances are electronically made, requiring components.

"I find with the older appliances, they are a lot more forgiving. I have more of an ability to McGyver them."

"It's such a disposable society we live in. I'd rather see the old stuff stick around."

However, he is more than capable of servicing the new. He does factory training two to three times a year so is very well acquainted with modern, state-of-the-art appliances.

His is a totally mobile service and he comes with a fully equipped van.

He said he should fit in well in the Highlands since "I'm very much a networker. I like to sit and talk to people."

He added that he respects his customer's time. If he says he will be there at a certain time, he will be there. If he is going to be late he will phone to let them know he is delayed.

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Highlander outdoors



Members of the Haliburton Highlands Paddlers dig in during one of their races at last weekend's Barrie Dragon Boat Festival. Photo by Dawn Stoutley Photography.

Paddlers bring home the hardware once again

Submitted by Joanne Ransberry

It's becoming a tradition.

Once again, the Haliburton Highlands Paddlers have come home as winners from a weekend race.

The Haliburton dragon boat team placed second in the Iron consultation race at the annual Barrie Dragon Boat Festival.

But, the local team's fortunes didn't end there. The 20-member squad was thrilled when race officials announced them as winners of the Rookie of the Year award Saturday's well-attended festival was especially competitive, Haliburton team president, Elli Armstrong, said.

"With 55 teams from across Ontario, we knew before the races got underway, we'd have to work hard, stay focused and give it our all," Armstrong said.

The Haliburton team was made up of 18 women and two strong men.

"Some teams came with 10 young men with muscle," said Armstrong. But what gives Haliburton the edge is the attention and respect given to synchronicity, he said.

Coach, Janine Papadopoulos was especially proud of the performance.

"Our team was awesome. We reduced our time with each race. It was a wonderful day."

The Paddlers completed the third race at 1:32 and last 250-metre race in one minute and 26 seconds, a team record.

The team will certainly remember

Saturday, said Armstrong. "It was the first time the Haliburton team paddled in a large lake."

We learned about racing on big water. We knew we were up against muscle and lots of testosterone. Some of the young men could be our grandsons."

Saturday marked the team's fourth competition, and they've come home with hardware in all four, winning a bronze in Port Perry, a gold in Dundas and a silver in Port Perry last month.

Originating in China, dragon boating dates back to the 4th century.

Meanwhile, with 55 members, the Paddlers are enjoying their third season. The team practices twice a day on both Monday and Wednesday and Sunday afternoons on from the Patient News' dock on Grass Lake from late May to early October.

Joining Papadopoulos to coach is Scotty Boyd. Both are certified steer persons and coaches. They both do an excellent job of steering the boat and giving direction, said Armstrong.

The Barrie festival is in its 15th year. It raises money for local charities. To date, the Barrie festival has raised \$1.6 million.

In keeping with the spirit of giving, the Paddlers raised \$1,600 to be given to Haliburton's Point in Time. The funds will be presented to Point in Time director and dragon boater, Marg Cox, at a coaches' appreciation dinner today.

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Highlander environment



Left: Elizabeth May signed books and greeted guests at the Minden Community Centre. Right: The Community Centre was packed to see Elizabeth May speak. *Photos by Alex Coop.*

Green Party leader talks climate change in Minden

By Alex Coop

There wasn't an empty seat - or single inch of wall space - in the Minden Community Centre last week when Elizabeth May visited to talk about climate change.

More than 200 people crammed into the room to hear the Green Party leader speak at Environment Haliburton's (EH!) latest fundraiser event titled The Climate Crisis: Where's the Action?

May was visiting family in Haliburton, and before she took the stage Aug. 25, County Reeve Carol Moffatt encouraged the party leader to visit more often.

"No doubt you've fallen in love with this

place as much as we all have," Moffatt said, while reciting the county's social media hashtag, #myhaliburtonhighlands, which May promptly posted on her Twitter account a few minutes later.

The brief exchange was then followed by a roar of laughter from the crowd, but Moffatt quickly switched gears and said she was interested to hear how rural communities are going to be affected by climate change.

Minden-raised Ryan Sisson officially introduced May by sharing some of his stories about working with her as a research intern for the Sierra Club of Canada, a

company dedicated to matters of public policy and environmental awareness.

"She has devoted her life to the preservation and enhancement of our natural world," Sisson said.

"When I first met her, it was at the MP's entrance at Parliament Hill," he said. "She was in the midst of a hunger strike."

May went on a 17-day hunger strike in

of scientists didn't escape May's speech either, but she said she was optimistic about the Trudeau government's plan to combat climate crisis.

Canada's promise to restrict planetary warming to just 1.5 Celsius warming, a goal announced by Canada's Environment and Climate Change Minister Catherine McKenna during the Paris Climate Conference in December, is ambitious, but one that hasn't been fully explained.

"We haven't actually touched those targets," May said, encouraging residents to engage with politicians and municipal leaders to "hold them accountable."

Ted Spence of the Coalition of Equitable Water Flow brought up the recent fluctuating water levels in the Trent Severn Waterway (TSW) system, and said it was reflective of the concerns May had about climate change having a direct effect on people.

"During ... three of the last seven springs, we've seen earlier than normal snow melt, seen our lakes fall, witnessed extreme rainfall with ice on our lakes, and people are more inclined to say it is mismanaged water levels, and not extreme weather," Spence told May.

"But this is a clear example of what you [May] are talking about here tonight."

May responded by saying the dialogue between Haliburton residents and the TSW is admirable, and that the only way that will continue, and hopefully improve, is if residents collectively continue to remain informed and engaged with their political leaders.

"Hope is a verb with its sleeves rolled up," she said. "We've got a lot of work to do."

The event last week raised a little more than \$3,000, but EH! vice president Terry Moore says final proceeds are still being calculated because of the additional costs that have to be accounted for, including the venue rental and food.

"The net revenue we end up retaining will go toward funding EH!'s program for the next year," Moore wrote in an email.

"We see electoral reform as a key element of an effective Canadian response to the climate crisis and that issue will be the focus of our next Enviro-Cafe Sept. 13 at The Minden United Church."

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Elizabeth May
Green Party Leader

2001, hoping to bring awareness to the importance of relocating families affected by the hazardous Sydney tar ponds in Cape Breton, N.S. She wasted little time when she took the stage, and began by praising the local food growers in the area.

"It's such an important skill to have," she said. "Agriculture Canada really doesn't want us to grow our own food or eat our own food. It gets in the way of multinational corporate profits."

May then shifted gears, and pointed to the various natural disasters that have recently occurred across the globe, and said the mainstream media has done a poor job of covering these disasters by frequently excluding the words "climate change."

The extreme heat felt across the county this summer, which according to multiple studies, has been the hottest summer ever recorded, is a clear indication that fossil fuels must become a thing of the past, May said.

"We are very, very dependent on fossil fuels," she said.

May expressed her displeasure with Canada being the only country ever to pull out of the Kyoto Protocol, an international treaty which extends the 1992 United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

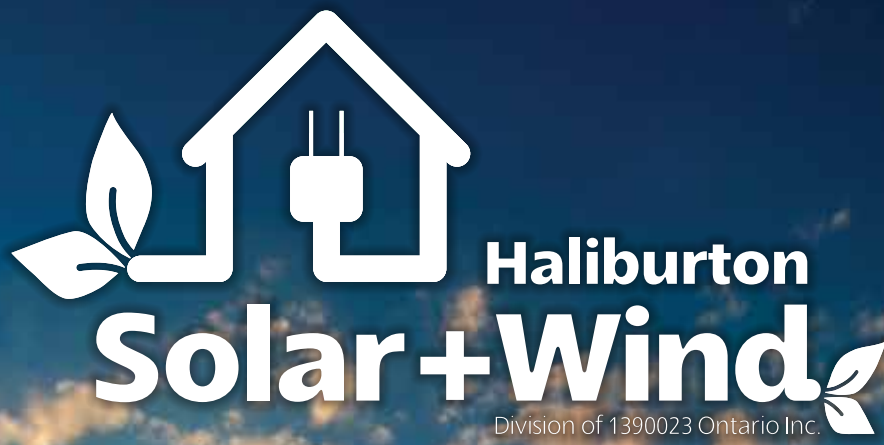
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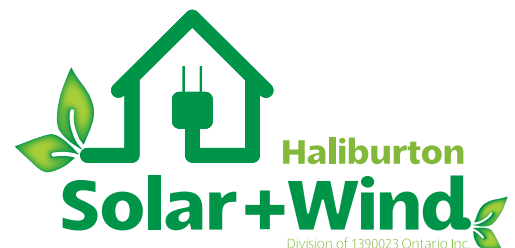


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Highlander sports



Nick Emsley flies across a ramp during a practice run in East Hereford. *Photo submitted.*

Emsley places second despite bike problems

By Alex Coop

Before finishing fifth in the Ontario Cup Series' latest race at Elliot Lake Aug. 21, Haliburton teen cyclist, Nick Emsley placed second in a gruelling 82 km-long marathon in East Hereford, Que.

The Canadian Cross Country Marathon Championships on July 31 was an event Emsley had been looking forward to for a while, he said.

"I was super focused and excited," Emsley said, adding he knew what to expect from the course having examined it a few days prior.

The 16-year-old successfully shook off two crashes prior to the marathon in East Hereford - Emsley still finished those races

Nick is really pushing his boundaries ... his commitment to training is a 10 out of 10.

Andrew Watson
Trainer

and placed in the top 10 - and managed to remain composed while a mechanical problem with his rear wheel slowed him down 50 km into the race.

"It was hard since I couldn't ride with

much power," he said.

But Emsley was able to make the necessary adjustments and conquered the climb to the top of the course. He followed that up with a quick but challenging descent to the finish line.

Emsley placed second in the junior field with a time of 4:48.

"I was very happy with my performance and placing," he said, adding how he spotted a few world class marathon racers and former Olympian Geoff Kabush in his race, which made the experience that much more exciting.

Emsley's coach, Andrew Watson, a four-time Canadian champion and former Norco Factory Team racer, said he is impressed by the young cyclist's ability to problem solve

and refocus after a crash.

"It's an important skill to have. And crashes do happen, but there is an old saying that goes 'If you're not crashing, then you're not trying hard enough,'" he laughed.

But it's the extra work Emsley is putting into his training that impresses Watson the most.

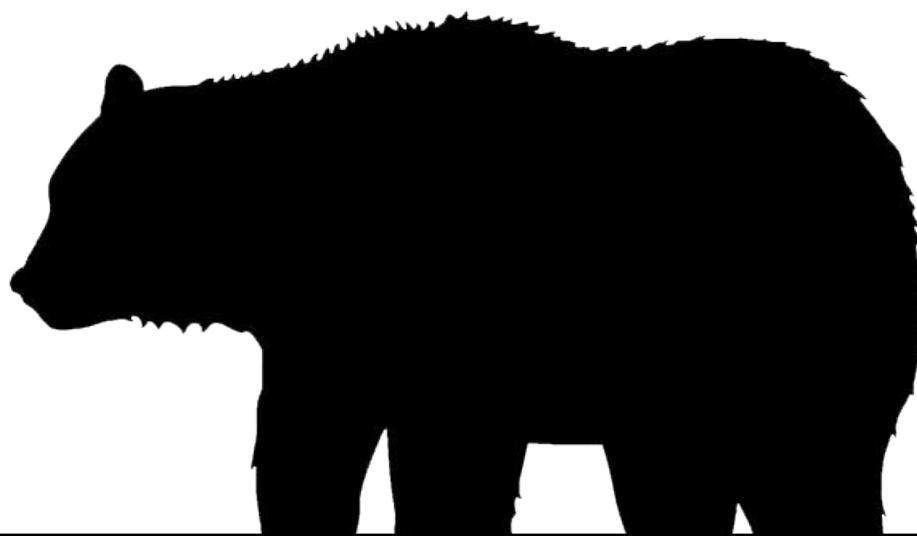
"Nick is really pushing his boundaries," he said. "His commitment to training is a 10 out of 10."

The Ontario XC Marathon Championships in Kingston and the Ontario Cup Championships at Sir Sam's, which take place Sept. 3 and Sept. 11, respectively, will be a "great couple of weekends of racing," Emsley said.

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Highland Storm



Highland Storm seeking new coaches for 2016 season

You don't have to play the game to coach it

By Alex Coop

Haven't played hockey before, but feel like coaching a hockey team?

If so, Jason Morrisette is the one to talk to.

"What you get back from the experience, as a coach, is so worth it," the Highland Storm executive member told The Highlander.

"And just because you haven't played hockey before, doesn't mean you don't have something to offer the kids."

The one-day, Coach-2-Coach clinic at the A.J. LaRue Arena is returning to Haliburton Sept. 18 to help interested volunteers get the certifications needed to help with minor hockey.

Morrisette, who also coaches the high school hockey team, said the Highland Storm organization will reimburse all volunteers for the cost of the training once their certification and training is complete, and stressed how a charismatic personality is just as important as the X's and O's on a dressing room whiteboard.

He pointed to former NHL coach Roger Neilson, who played a bit of hockey as a teen, but became a Canadian hockey icon when he decided to coach.

The Toronto-born coach cleverly exploited certain loopholes in the game and instilled confidence in his players, and although the rules today don't allow for some of Neilson's old strategies, new coaches are the ones that will bring something new to the table, Morrisette says.

"Developing that positive locker room environment and developing those social skills with kids are so important," he said. "And the kids understand that you're donating your time and appreciate what you're doing."

A lack of time is the number one excuse Morrisette hears when people tell him why they can't coach, closely followed by a fear of failing.

"You should never be afraid to coach," he said. "If you're not sure about something, whether it's a drill or something more complicated, you just have to ask us."



Last year's Highland Storm Tyke coach, Darryl Winder, runs a practice. *File photo.*

"I want coaches to be supported, and I'll make sure that happens."

Outside pressure, from parents especially, can be a complicated obstacle to navigate, Morrisette admits, but it's not one that coaches will have to deal with alone.

"I don't like it when parents give coaches a hard time," he said.

When it comes to a lack of time, Morrisette suggests thinking about it another way.

"Time is precious," he said. "So try [coaching], and I think you'll quickly realize that what you're doing with your time is very precious indeed."

Former Bantam A trainer and hockey

parent, Greg Turner says not much beats a dressing room during an intense playoff series.

"There's nothing quite like seeing a game plan being made then actually executed on the ice," he said, adding the players celebrating afterwards is part of it as well.

Every team requires at least a coach and a trainer in order for a game to be played. Morrisette said volunteers can be young or old, men or woman.

"You don't get involved with minor hockey just for yourself, you get involved to provide great memories for kids, and those great memories become a part of you."



2016 Highland Storm Minor Hockey Tryout Schedule

TYKE

Tuesday, September 6

6:00pm-7:00 @ AJ Larue Arena

Thursday, September 8

6:00pm-7:00 @ SG Nesbitt Arena

Tuesday September 13

5:00pm-6:00 @ SG Nesbitt Arena

NOVICE

Tuesday, September 6

7:00pm-8:30 @ AJ Larue Arena

Friday, September 9

5:30pm-7:00 @ SG Nesbitt Arena

ATOM

Thursday, September 1

6:00pm-7:30 @ AJ Larue Arena

Tuesday, September 6

7:00pm-8:30 @ SG Nesbitt Arena

Thursday, September 8

7:00pm-8:30 @ SG Nesbitt Arena

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Wednesday, September 7

7:00pm-8:30 @ SG Nesbitt Arena

Friday, September 9

7:00pm-8:30 @ SG Nesbitt Arena

BANTAM

Wednesday, September 7

8:30pm-10:00 @ SG Nesbitt Arena

Friday, September 9

8:30pm-10:00 @ AJ Larue Arena

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Tuesday, September 6

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Abbey Garden's food hub director, Susan Roscoe in the middle of a packed food hub at Abbey Gardens. Photo by Alex Coop.

Garlic Fest showcases locally grown food and products

By Alex Coop

Although an exact tally wasn't kept, Garlic Fest director Ron Reid says he is confident that the turnout for the 9th annual Garlic Festival was greater than last year's, adding the new venue exceeded everybody's expectations and that the importance of growing food is resonating more and more with the public.

"We were quite happy with the crowds ... I would say we had around 1,500 to 2,000 people show up," Reid said. "And

Abbey Gardens was amazing."

Vendors from across the county and beyond packed the parking space next to the main building, while workshops and other demonstrations scattered around the property, entertained and educated guests.

Some people attending the festival said it was their first time visiting Abbey Gardens, and were surprised by the selection of local food they had in stock.

What isn't surprising to Reid, however, is the growing interest in locally grown food.

"People are looking for locally grown,

organic natural foods, and the Garlic Fest exemplifies that," he said.

Heather Reid, operations director for Abbey Gardens, echoed Reid's comments about the turnout, describing it as "incredible," and said the partnership with the Haliburton County Garlic Growers Association was a positive experience.

"We would love to host [the festival] again," Heather said. "We really want to thank to everyone who came out, all of the volunteers who helped and the garlic association."



Left: Michael Dillane and Ashlyn Funston brave the rain. Right: A Lac La Croix Indian pony proves it isn't camera shy. Photos by Alex Coop.

Highlander opera

10th opera season comes to a close

By Lisa Gervais

The 10th season of The Highlands Opera Studio (HOS) in Haliburton comes to an end tonight with the final production of Faust.

Over a five-week period, the HOS performed three masterclasses, where Richard Margison worked individually with all 21 participants on improving their vocal production of an Opera Aria.

They also presented six concerts. Three featured participants celebrating the beauty of Opera and Broadway. Another celebrated the music that was influenced by the writings of William Shakespeare.

One featured Margison and his daughter, Lauren and a special concert with Margison and some of the alumni celebrated the success of the past 10 years.

This year, the HOS studied, rehearsed and publicly performed three operas. The first two, The Brothers Grimm and The Bremen Town Musicians, were written by Canadian composer, Dean Burry and staged by Margison. The third was Faust, written by Charles Gounod and directed by Valerie Kuinka.

Along with honing their performing skills by attending private coaching with professional musicians, the participants have also had numerous opportunities to audition for agents.



Bradley Christensen (left) plays Wagner and Scott Brooks plays Mephistopheles in the opera, Faust. Its last show will be staged tonight (Sept. 1) at 7.30 p.m. at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavillion in Haliburton. The night brings the Highlands Opera Studio's 10th anniversary season to a close. *Submitted.*

The Margisons said, "None of this could be accomplished without the support of the Haliburton Highlands.

We would like to thank all of you

who opened your homes to house our participants.

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Highlander events

Smooth tunes played in Irondale

By Mark Arike

The smooth sounds of Samantha Martin and Delta Sugar filled a packed Irondale Church on Saturday night.

While it was hot in the small, historic venue, the performers cracked jokes about the heat and didn't let it hold them back.

The Maple blues-nominated quartet was led by Martin, a 33-year-old vocal powerhouse who hails from Edmonton.

"I was about 21 when I decided to start making a go of it [music]," said Martin in a phone interview a week before the show. "It was 2007 when I did my first full-length album."

She discovered her talent in Grade 4 while auditioning for a role in a class production of *The Sound of Music*. When she began singing "My Favourite Things," the teacher brought "a bunch of people into the room."

"I think that's when I realized I could get attention for doing it," she laughed.

Martin admits she was shy in the beginning because of her fear of being judged by her peers.

"I wasn't super popular ... so I was always trying to make an impression."

Her father, Bill, played guitar and sang in a social setting. Her mother, Heather, was a big music fan.

Both have been very supportive, she said.

Martin's first album, titled *Back Home*, was classic country. When she began to play with her first band, The Haggard, she embraced other genres including rock and roll, blues and reggae.

"It's been an evolution," she said.

The band put out a self-titled album in 2012. Delta Sugar is an incarnation of The Haggard, she explains.

"The Haggard started out as a four-piece and then became an eight-piece for the record. Then I couldn't tour the eight-piece and so I kind of picked little parts of it that I really enjoyed and made Delta Sugar."

Joining her on stage were co-vocalists Sherie Marshall and Stacie Tabb, and guitarist Mikey McCallum, who was a member of The Haggard. Martin describes their sound as "gospel-infused soul with blues elements."

Their songs have gained radio play and they received four Maple Blues Award nominations. Her career highlight so far is playing in Toronto's Massey Hall as part of the Women's Blues Revue two years ago.

When they perform, Martin says it's all about having a good time. Audiences can expect to hear songs that will make them "laugh, dance and cry."

The band is in the process of writing new songs and arrangements. Martin hopes to be in the studio late October.

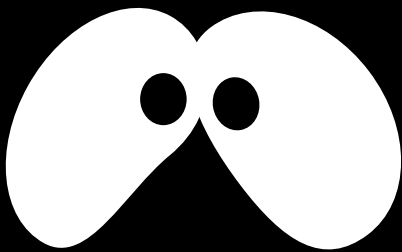
They played in Toronto the night after their local gig. The concert was hosted by the Bark Lake Cultural Developments, a charitable organization that took ownership of the church in 2012.

The next concert is on Sept. 24 and will feature local performer Ryan VanLieshout.

For more information, visit irondaleontario.ca.



Samantha Martin and the Delta Sugar play to a packed Irondale Church on Saturday. The group had to take multiple breaks to beat the heat, but that didn't stop them from getting the crowd to sing along to some of their popular songs. *Photos by Alex Coop.*



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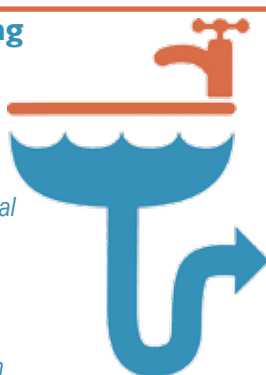
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Students of the summer learning program at Stuart Baker Elementary School sold popcorn at the Haliburton Farmers Market, with proceeds going towards non-perishable food items for the Haliburton Food Bank.
 Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Students pop to learn about math

By Lisa Gervais

Making popcorn and selling it at the Haliburton Farmers Market has given young Beckham Reynolds and 16 of his summer school classmates learning and life lessons.

The group, from the summer learning program at Stuart Baker Elementary School, did their second market Aug. 9 with proceeds from sales going to the Haliburton Food Bank.

"I've learned that people like buying stuff from the farmers market and they are happy we're doing it for the food bank,"

Beckam said.

He added that when it comes to math and literacy, the Grade 1-3 students have learned to count money and give back change.

Teacher Maiya Merritt said mental math was just one aspect of the project's learning.

Merritt said the money raised will be used by students to purchase non-perishable food items for the food bank.

The summer learning program is a three-week program for Trillium Lakelands District School Board students and they sold popcorn at the markets during their final two weeks in the program.



Carnarvon markets

Cheri Hicks tries on jewelry at Friday's Carnarvon farmers market. They are held every Friday between noon and 4 p.m. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Highlander community



SIRCH food services coordinator, Alisha Lafleur, stands with Steve Todd of Todd’s Independent and SIRCH executive-director, Gena Robertson, on Tuesday. The store chose SIRCH as its charity of choice during a two-week period and raised \$3,011.80 for SIRCH’s community kitchen. *Photo by Lisa Gervais*

Looking for hospice volunteers

Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) is looking for caring and compassionate people as hospice volunteers.

Brigitte Gebauer said they are in the process of recruiting potential volunteers with training beginning in Minden in October.

Gebauer said hospice provides emotional and practical support to people and families who are living with a serious or life-threatening illness. They also provide support to those dealing with grief and bereavement.

HHHS hospice volunteers can be active in the community, in the hospital/ palliative care unit and in Hyland Crest and Highland Wood Long Term Care.

Volunteers participate in an extensive training course to help them feel comfortable and competent while providing support, Gebauer said.

“All it takes is a few hours a week to make a difference in someone’s life.”

For more information, contact Gebauer at 705-457-1392 ext 2927 or 705- 457-2941 or email bgebauer@hhhs.ca. *(Lisa Gervais)*



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Above: Taylor and James Smith hand out 50-50 tickets. Below: Event organizer Bruce Renie. Right: Rian Parks and John Glasse take a break. *Photos by Alex Coop.*

Combining music and barbecues

The Wilberforce Legion hosted its Summer Night's Music and BBQ event Saturday. Dozens of residents showed up to enjoy some burgers, hot dogs, and music by local band, Endangered Species. *Photos by Alex Coop.*



Highlander community



Golf course owners hit HHHSF fundraising goal

By Mark Arike

With their latest donation, the owners of Beaverbrook Golf Course in Minden have contributed more than \$20,000 to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF).

Dave and Sonia Stevens presented \$3,000 to HHHSF chairman Peter Oyler on Aug. 22 at their business, bringing their grand total to \$20,020.

The Stevens matched every dollar that was raised by the public through hand cart rentals. When golfers returned their cart, the \$1 deposit was donated. Some donated additional funds.


“We need [to keep] a hospital in Minden,” said Stevens, who committed to the ambitious goal 15 years ago. “Tourists come up and they get hurt too, and they need a place to go. So we decided we’d do that.”

The latest donation will help pay for a bone densitometry machine valued at \$175,000. It works like an X-ray to measure bone density.

The Stevens are now raising money for the Minden food bank.

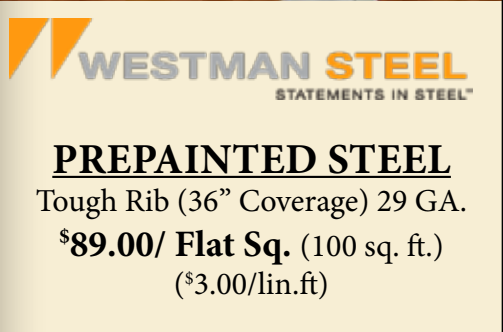
Located in Minden, Beaverbrook is a nine-hole course that was founded in 1939.

HHHSF chairman Peter Oyler, centre, accepts a \$3,000 cheque from Dave and Sonia Stevens, owners of Beaverbrook Golf Course in Minden. Photo submitted by HHHSF.




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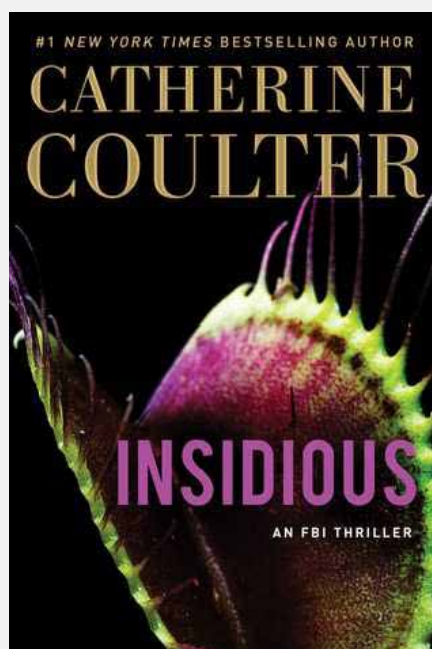
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LIBRARY NEWS

Say it isn't so! Summer nearly over? August 29th will be our last Monday open in Dysart in Minden for the summer. But it's not too late to join in our Family Story Time and Craft! We wrap up Wild About Reading with Wild Wild West on Tuesday in Minden at 1pm, and Wednesday in Dysart at 1pm. Visit haliburtonlibrary.ca for more.



Kids enjoyed a busy summer with Youth Unlimited. *Photo submitted.*

Busy summer for Youth Unlimited

Submitted by Dana McMahon

Youth Unlimited had a busy summer with all of the camp programs filled to capacity.

The summer kicked off with a skateboard clinic for youth to learn new skills. It was a great success and the skate park committee has already approached Youth Unlimited about doing another one.

There was also lots of fun on the water. Thanks to sponsorship money from the Haliburton Rotary Club, Youth Unlimited was able to host two water

sports camps. The first was held at RPM, where the youth were able to try paddle boarding, wakeboard or waterskiing.

The second water camp was held at Ski-Mazing Watersports at Bonnie View Inn. The youth received individual lessons to try waterskiing, wakeboarding or knee boarding. They finished the day with some tubing.

The final camp of summer was Art Camp. Twenty youth participated in woodworking, painting, and being creative with buttons, crayons, pop tabs and slime. Everyone

survived the heat and went home with cool creations.

Thanks to everyone who helped make these camps a success. Coming up this fall, Youth Unlimited runs an after-school program every Thursday from 3:30-5:30 p.m. for youth in Grades 4-8 at 12 Dysart Ave. Go to www.youthunlimitedkaw.com for more details.

Editor's note: Dana McMahon is an outreach worker for Youth Unlimited Haliburton Highlands.



Legion dedicates room to veteran

President Sean Cook (left) dedicates the dining/meeting room at Branch 624 of the Royal Canadian Legion, Wilberforce to its oldest living veteran, Len Crawford (left). A portrait of Mr. Crawford was created by branch member John Tatham and donated to the branch in honour of Mr. Crawford. The portrait was hung appropriately beside the veteran of the year poster in the meeting room. Friends and family gathered for the dedication. *Submitted by Jan Simon.*

Watch for Highlander TV's interview with Len Crawford as part of our Veterans of Haliburton County Series starting in October.

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** Please check the website noted below for updated photos of items that didn't make the newspaper deadline **

PREVIOUSLY LISTED: Langford Algonquin Heritage 16' cedar strip canoe (never been in water) (reserve); 10" x 13" Andre Lapine signed print "Noon Hour"; metal band saw; 16" x 12" Andre Lapine original oil painting entitled "Riders"; 8" commercial meat slicer; antique display cabinet from Banks' General Store (Haliburton) with detachable wheeled riser; 2 display cabinets with detachable wheeled risers; 16' Legend boat with 25hp Mercury motor; Barnboard table (made from outhouse door!); antique wooden cradle; 2 wooden paddles; air compressor from service station; miscellaneous quality hand tools; wooden ironing board; commercial coffee machine; cement floor finisher; miscellaneous nails, by the keg; surveyor's transit; spinning wheel; antique cushioned rocker; small pine washstand; butter churn lamp; barrel with lid; park bench from Toronto Island; antique milk can; antique ringer washer; small table saw; barley twist side table with drawer; tall round barely twist plant stand; round maple table.

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OBITUARIES

Robert MacBrien (Bob), son of Victor and Placida MacBrien (predeceased) went home to be with his Lord and Saviour, passing from this life on earth peacefully at home in his family's arms on August 28, 2016. He is survived by his loving wife Ruth of 66 years, his sons Paul, James, and John, his daughters Cathie, and Lois, 11 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren, many nieces and nephews. Robert is survived by two sisters Betty and Gwen. (brother Doug predeceased.) Funeral arrangements at Haliburton Community Funeral Home, Saturday Sept 3, 2016. He will be missed by our community, friends and family.



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OBITUARIES



In Loving Memory of **K. Craige Kellett**

(Former President of K-Line Maintenance and Construction Limited)

Passed away peacefully at the Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay on Sunday, August 21, 2016, at the age of 83.

Beloved husband of Linda and predeceased by Carol. Dear father of Jim and Linda of Minden, Vicki and Dave of Scarborough. Step-father of Larry and Cheryl, LuAnn and Steve, Laurie and Brent. Loving grandpa of Morgan, Ariel, Miriam, Erin, Aidan, Jonathan, Andrew, Scott, Kurran, Lauren, Spencer and great grandpa of Carter and Oliver. Predeceased by 5 brothers and 5 sisters. Fondly remembered by his many family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Saturday, September 3, 2016 from 11:00 am until the time of the Service to Celebrate Craige's Life at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow in the Monk-Cray Family Centre at the funeral home. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family.



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In Loving Memory of **Marjorie I. Nicholls (nee Stamp)**

The sun rose on June 18, 1937 and sunset on August 26, 2016.

Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Friday, August 26, 2016, surrounded by her family. In her 80th year.

Beloved wife of the late George Alexander Nicholls. Dear mother of Alberta (Will Upton) of Toronto, Bernie (Jill) of West Guilford, Cheryl (Greg Cooper) of West Guilford, David of Orillia and Erin of West Guilford. Loving Grandma of Derrell, Kristin, Brandee, Flynn, McKenna, Jack (predeceased), Nicole, Joel, Bailey, Becca, Jordyn, Owen and Great Grandma of Michael, Cheyenne, Austin, Montanna, Carter, Cooper, Luca and Emma. Dear daughter of the late Cecil and Hattie Stamp. Sister of Lyle (Carol) and predeceased by Brant, Grenville, Eunice, Sharon and Donelda. Sister-in-law of Eileen, Fay, Karl, John, Dorothy (Earl), Barb (Cecil), John (Diane), Cathy (John) and predeceased by Dave and Truman. Fondly remembered by her nieces and nephews, family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 on Monday from 2:00 to 4:00 pm and 6:00 to 9:00 pm. Funeral Service was held in the Chapel on Tuesday, August 30, 2016 at 11:00 am. Interment at Maple Lake United Church Cemetery. Reception also followed at the West Guilford Community Centre.

Memorial Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family.



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Robert MacBrien

(Resident of Algonquin Highlands, Ontario)

On Sunday evening, August 28, 2016 in his 91st year surrounded by his family, Bob journeyed into Eternity to take occupancy of the mansion prepared for him by his Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ. Beloved husband of Ruth MacBrien (nee Donovan) for over 66 years. Loving father of Paul, James, and John, Cathie (John Tripp) and Lois.

Fondly remembered by his eleven grandchildren, fourteen great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Dear brother of Betty and Gwen. Predeceased by his brother Doug. Bob will be missed by his family, friends and community. Bob owned Bob's TV & Hardware in Minden for over 33 years. He was one of the first Gideons in Canada and was a founding member of Minden Bible Church.

Visitation, Funeral Service & Reception

Friends may call at the **MINDEN BIBLE CHURCH** 177 Bobcaygeon Road Minden, Ontario on Saturday morning, September 3, 2016 from 10 o'clock until time of Funeral Service at 11 o'clock. Reception to follow in the Church Hall. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Gideon Bible Society or Minden Bible Church would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209.



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Richard Watson

(Resident of Barrie, Ontario formerly of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at Hospice Simcoe in Barrie, Ontario on Friday morning, August 26, 2016 in his 84th year. Beloved husband of the late Barbara Watson (nee Wallace). Loving father of Valerie (Bill) and Brenda (Ralph) all of Barrie. Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Billy, Becky, Tasha, Malcolm, Jeffrey and Kristina and his five great grandchildren. Dear brother of Allan. Predeceased by his sisters Mabel, Marie and his brother Harold. Dick served

in the Korean War in the Signal Core. He enjoyed fishing and most of all times spent with his family.

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A Private Graveside Service will take place. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or Hospice Simcoe would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209.



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Peter Osborn

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at Haliburton Hospital on Thursday evening, August 25, 2016 in his 80th year. Beloved husband to Darlene Osborn (nee Freeman). Loving father of Caitlyn. Fondly remembered by his grandson and best friend Anakin. Peter was a loving son-in-law, brother-in-law and uncle to many. Peter was the grounds keeper at Pinestone Inn and Conference Centre for many years. He enjoyed darts and was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion in Haliburton for many years.

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Hazel Maxwell

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at South Muskoka Memorial Hospital in Bracebridge on Saturday morning, August 27, 2016 in her 88th year. Beloved wife of the late Aubrey Maxwell (1988). Loving mother of Malcolm (Sherry Allen), Lois, Bonnie, Cheryl (Rich Howe), Diane Percy, Susie (Gord Scheffee) and Cathy. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Leslie, Andy, Melanie, Julian, Gavin, Logan, Natalae, Elisa, Jessica, Jordana, Travis, Tamara and Robyn and many great grandchildren. Dear sister of Ruby, Effie and Heather. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Hazel enjoyed her gardening, curling, baking, sewing and most of all her family. When she was forty, she got her nursing diploma and worked at Hyland Crest and the Minden Hospital.

Visitation, Funeral Service & Reception

Friends may call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Friday morning, September 2, 2016 from 11 a.m. until time of Funeral Service in the Chapel at 12 o'clock (Noon). Interment Glamorgan Cemetery, Gooderham. Reception to follow in the Robert McCausland Memorial Centre, Gooderham. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation - Minden Hospital would be appreciated by family.



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8. Song of praise
9. Night twinkler
10. Flying toy
11. Toboggan
16. Goals
20. Lincoln, et al.
21. Rural road
22. Picnic nuisances
24. Horn blast
25. Age
26. Passing, as time
27. Infamous fiddler
28. Camper's home
30. Matured
33. Spicy sausage
34. Exited
36. Relaxes
37. Emcee
38. Pain
39. Bound
40. Fairy tale starter
41. Singer ____ Simon
44. Period of note
45. Beam of light

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1. Roadhouse
4. What a cow chews
7. Duties
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14. Up to the time that
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17. Say
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23. Belfry dwellers
24. Slum building
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31. Grant's opponent
32. Meetings
34. Alert
35. Fitting
36. Transplant
37. Oscar winner ____ Berry
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Flossie Bowen turns 90

Submitted by Jean Hilscher

Turn the clock back to 1926, and Florence Bowen is born to Bill and Aletta Card of Bancroft.

Florence, who soon became known as Flossie, grew up on a family farm, loving the outdoors, fishing in nearby lakes, frolicking through pastures and climbing trees. She has fond memories of walking to and from the old tin schoolhouse that still stands today.

Flossie had two sisters. A third died at an early age. She also grew up with two brothers, one of whom saved Flossie from drowning in the lake when she was very young.

Flossie always had a flare for fashion, a sense of adventure and a real ear for music. She taught herself to play guitar as a teenager, and she and her sisters could carry a lovely tune as she strummed chords. Sitting on a favorite old boulder that was the hub of their refuge when in need of some quiet time, they could pass many hours.

As a young woman, Flossie worked at different establishments in the Bancroft area, trying to make her way in life. For a spell, she worked in a hairdressing shop, was a maid at the Bancroft Hotel, was employed as a housekeeper at a private home, and when higher wages were promised, every summer she and her husband-to-be, Marvin, and her sister and husband, headed to southern Ontario to pick tobacco.

Once married and situated at Oxtongue Lake, Marvin said, "Flossie worked as hard as any man" to assist him to build their home, dig a well, cut wood ... whatever was required, she was in there like a dirty shirt. In true loyal fashion, she even shared Marv's night watchman responsibilities at the original Algonquin Park Gate as it was being constructed.

Flossie used her farm experience to raise a healthy flock of chickens, while experience at the Bancroft Hotel served her well as she managed their own cottage business to supplement Marvin's income. She was a busy woman who designed and sewed most of her daughters' clothes, even their Barbie dolls and baby dolls, and to this day, she can adeptly remodel, resize and redesign garments to suit her needs.



Flossie Bowen at her 90th birthday party.
Photo Submitted.

Flossie has a reputation as an excellent cook and baker, self taught from the old, red Purity Cookbook after they got married. That worn and faded book is still used today despite its creation in 1932 by the Purity Flour Mills Limited, Toronto.

When times were tough, creativity became a necessity. White sugar was always purchased in 100-pound, heavy-duty cotton bags that were washed, bleached and turned into tea towels and pillowslips, while the yellow and blue tin pails that originally held honey were recycled into lunch pails.

Flossie wasted nothing, and if something broke down, she took it apart and fixed it proving herself to be very handy.

Too busy for the Huntsville Fall Fair when the girls were growing up, Flossie has now made a name for herself for her first prize-winning preserves and pickles, knitting and sewing, and especially her folk art crafts and stained glass art.

It just goes to show that hard work never hurt anybody. It has played a part in Flossie's continued good health, and years of cross-country skiing have helped to keep her physically fit. Flossie turned 90 on Aug. 21. We want to wish her all the best and ask that maybe she slow down just a little. We tell her that it isn't necessary to push the snow blower any longer, but we're happy to let her whip around on the John Deere when cutting the grass. That's fun after all.

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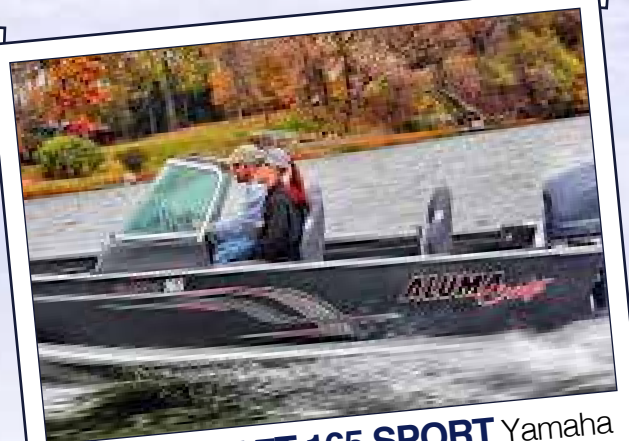
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				<p>Highlands East Plein-Air Arts Festival September 8 – 11 705-766-9968</p> <p>Every Thursday 7 – 9 PM Shout Sister Choir is welcoming new members at the Haliburton United Church shoutsisterchoir.ca</p> <p>8</p>	<p>Highland Storm Novice Tryouts 5:30pm-7:00 @ SG Nesbitt Arena</p> <p>Highland Storm Bantam Tryouts 8:30pm-10:00 @ AJ Larue Arena</p> <p>9</p>	<p>Dorset Recreation Centre 705-766-9968 – Library</p> <p>10</p>
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Barry Hayward, second from left, and Chris Cullen, far right, join participants in a recent drum circle. Photo by Mark Arike.

Drummers unite to create Halibana

By Mark Arike

It's a Wednesday evening and people are making their way to the most familiar rail station in downtown Haliburton, the Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre.

But these days it transports visitors into the world of arts, culture and heritage instead of their next destination.

Several drums from Africa are on display in the main gallery and others are on the floor, ready to be played and enjoyed. Local resident, Joe Truss and his partner, Chris Cullen, sit down and spark the rhythm.

Most of the seats quickly fill up and soon everyone is in the groove.

Along with Barry "Bazza" Hayward, John Proctor and Roger Gibbs, they are making drumming accessible to all through the first-ever Halibana DrumFest.

"I'm a drummer," explained Truss in a recent interview. "I've been drumming for 50 years."

The Barbados native took a break from music to pursue a career in management consulting, but is drumming once again for

the health benefits. He also plays with a local group called Fifth Business.

Drum circles have been held at the Rails End for the past decade, said Truss.

In 2006, he formed Abbey North Drummers with Cullen, Eric Lilius and Gibbs in an effort "to raise awareness and funds to support critically important social causes."

About a year ago they began discussing the idea of creating a drum-based experience in Haliburton. Their objective is to "celebrate culture and community" through the project.

Halibana started on Aug. 6 with an art exhibition featuring several drums Truss purchased from the Kawbata Cultural Centre in Zambia.

Every Wednesday, members of Abbey North have led drum technique workshops which have been followed by an hour-long drum circle.

"It's just good vibes," said Truss.

This week, there are opportunities for the public to participate in costume making,

drum decorating and processional rhythm sessions preparation for this Saturday's drum procession. It's the culminating event.

"It will be a very special day," he said. The procession starts at 2 p.m. at the gallery. Visitors will be able to grab a drum—or just dance—and follow a cart that will lead them around Head Lake Park to the band shell. That's where 100 chairs will be set up for a "huge" drum circle.

"We want to see every drum in Haliburton on that day," he smiled, adding all ages and abilities are welcome.

"This is about community engagement. All the aspects of the community that you don't typically deal with, we want to have interact."

Truss promises a couple of surprises, including buskers.

He intends to continue the project with the gallery in following years and hopes to obtain funding to expand its offerings.

To learn more, visit railsendgallery.com.

The exhibition will remain on display until Sept. 4.



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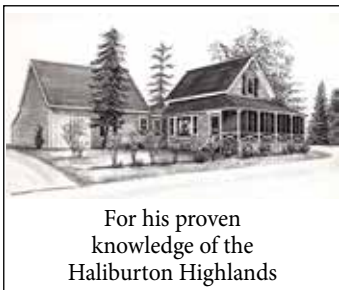
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